—for we have a number of shadows to fill up the muster-book[5].

SEAL. Thomas Wart!

FAL. Where's he?

WART. Here, sir.

FAL. Is thy name Wart ?

WART. Yea, sir.

FAL. Thou art a very ragged wart.

SHAL. Shall I prick him, sir John ?

FAL. It were superfluous; for his apparel is built upon his back, and the whole frame stands upon pins: prick him no more.

SHAL. Ha, ha, ha !—you can do it, sir: you can do it: I commend you well.—Francis Feeble!

FEE. Here, sir.

FAL. What trade artthou, Feeble ?

FEE. A woman's tailor, sir.

SHAL. Shall I prick him, sir ?

FAL. You may: but if he had been a man's tailor, he would have pricked you.—Wilt thou make as many holes in an enemy's battle, as thou hast done in a woman's petticoat ?

FEE. I will do my good will, sir; you can have no more.

FAL. Well said, good woman's tailor! well said, courageous Feeble ! Thou will be as valiant as the wrathful dove, or most magnanimous mouse.—Prick the woman's tailor well, master Shallow; deep, master Shallow.

5 — we have a number of shadows to fill up the muster-book.] That is, we have in the muster-book many names for which we receive pay, though we have not the men. JOHNSON".

So, in Barnabie Riche's Souldiers Wishe to Britons Welfare. or Captaine Skill and Captaine Pill, 160*, p. 19: *' One special meane that a shifting captaine hath to deceive his prince, is in his number, to take pay for a whole company, when he hath not halfe." STEEVENS. *